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Henry S. Todd House
Salisbury
Private

1889

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Henry S. Todd conveyed title of the Park Avenue house and lot to his wife Agnes in 1893, and the property remained in her hands until her death. In 1941, her executors, Henry S. Todd, Jr. and F. Phelps Todd sold their parents Park Avenue property to William E. and Cleo Morgan, who in turn sold it three years later to Melvin C. and Mary Eleanor Horsey. The Horseys retained tenure in the property for nearly thirty years.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-592

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry S. Todd House
other

2. Location

street and number 402 Park Avenue not for publication
city, town Salisbury vicinity
county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David Bunting and Suzi McKeen
street and number 402 Park Avenue telephone
city, town Salisbury state Maryland zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse liber 1490 folio 34
city, town Salisbury tax map 106 tax parcel 979 tax ID number 9-054162

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Noncontributing
			buildings
			sites
			structures
			objects
			Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Henry S. Todd house stands at 402 Park Avenue in the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, ell-shaped Victorian house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The house is joined on the lot by a single-story, board-and-batten frame barn.

Erected in 1889, the two-story ell-shaped brick main block extends in each direction with gable roofed wings, and the front and south and north sides are largely covered by a single story neoclassical wraparound porch that includes a porte cochere on the north. The brick walls, laid in seven-course common bond, rise to steeply pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The edge of the roof has extended eaves with open soffits and decorated rafter ends.

The east (main) façade is an asymmetrical elevation with a recessed entrance flanked by a projecting gable roofed pavilion to the south and a long window to the north that reaches to the floor. The double front door features leaded panes and a leaded glass transom. The window openings are spanned by segmental arches executed in a double rowlock pattern. The wooden header to each window is embellished with an incised scroll decoration. The windows are fitted with multi-pane sash, and flanked by louvered shutters. Sheltering the first floor is a Tuscan columned, flat roofed porch that extends around the south corner of the main block as well as including a porte cochere on the north. The center bay over the main entrance has been changed from a window to a door so that access is provided to the flat roofed porch. The adjacent window openings, fitted with multi-paned sash, are flanked by louvered shutters. The projecting pavilion, as well as an adjacent gable over the north bay of the main block, are defined by gable ends sheathed with fishscale shingles. The gables are pierced by rectangular openings currently fitted with later window vents. The extended eave has bracket supports at the lower corners of the roof, and pendant drops in the peak. Wooden finials formerly rose from each peak.

The south side of the house is an asymmetrical façade with a projecting gable roofed wing that extends beyond the line of the wraparound porch. The first story opening on the wing has been altered with the installation of a tripartite window. The second floor retains its original window with a double rowlock segmental arch. The gable end is finished with fishscale shingles, extended eaves, open soffit, corner brackets, and a wooden pendant drop. The north gable end follows in the same format with consistent finishes.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, one-room plan brick wing, which has been extended on two sides. To the rear is a two-story porch dated by an inscription to 1912, and a two-story, shed roofed frame addition enclosing bathrooms is attached to the south side of the kitchen. A brick stack rises through the southwest corner of the main block.

The interior has been modified since its original construction in 1889. The first floor was reworked to a large degree during the 1940s. The staircase was rebuilt, wider door openings were installed between the hall and its adjacent rooms, and the mantels were redesign in a Craftsman style. The second floor retains some of its 1880s woodwork including four-panel doors topped by movable transoms. Several doors retain mahogany graining.

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The board-and-batten barn stands behind the house and is a single story board and batten structure supported on a concrete slab. The barn has a gable front principal façade with doors and six-over-six sash windows piercing the wall surface. A medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder L. W. Lankford, brick contractor

Construction dates 1889

W. E. Wailes, carpenter

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ *Salisbury Advertiser*, June 8, 1889.

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402 Park Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 979

1490/34

John L. Wenger
Deborah Wenger

to

5/29/1996

Stephen K. Hammond
Susanne E. Hammond

MSB 1464/762

William E. Palmer
Angeles J. Palmer

to

11/29/1995

John L. Wenger
Deborah Wenger

JWTS 787/493

Melvin Cornelius Horsey
Mary Eleanor Horsey

to

3/30/1973

William E. Palmer
Angeles J. Palmer

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JWS 261/506

William E. Morgan
Cleo F. Morgan

to

8/11/1944

Melvin Cornelius Horsey
Mary Eleanor Horsey

JWS 233/389

Henry S. Todd, Jr.
F. Phelps Todd, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of
Agnes P. Todd, deceased

to

5/7/1941

William E. Morgan
Cleo F. Morgan
....and being in respects the same property conveyed unto Agnes P. Todd
1. from Henry S. Todd dated 11/15/1893, JTT 12/147
2. from L. Ernest Williams, surviving trustee dated 11/7/1895, JTT 17/61

JTT 12/147

Henry S. Todd

to, wife

11/15/1893

Agnes P. Todd
“....for love and affection... the lot hereby conveyed having a width of
85 ft. more or less and consisting of two parcels of land....”

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Salisbury Advertiser, June 8, 1889

Mr. Harry S. Todd has purchased of G. H. Toadvine the lot on Park Avenue adjoining that owned by L. E. Williams, and will begin at once the erection of a new residence for himself. The building will be of brick, two stories high. The front building is to be 24 x 36 and the back building 14 x 14, with front and side porches. A. W. Lankford has the contract to do the brick-work, Mr. W. E. Wailes will do the woodwork.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 22,950 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 22,290 square feet
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart		
organization	Private Consultant	date	4/28/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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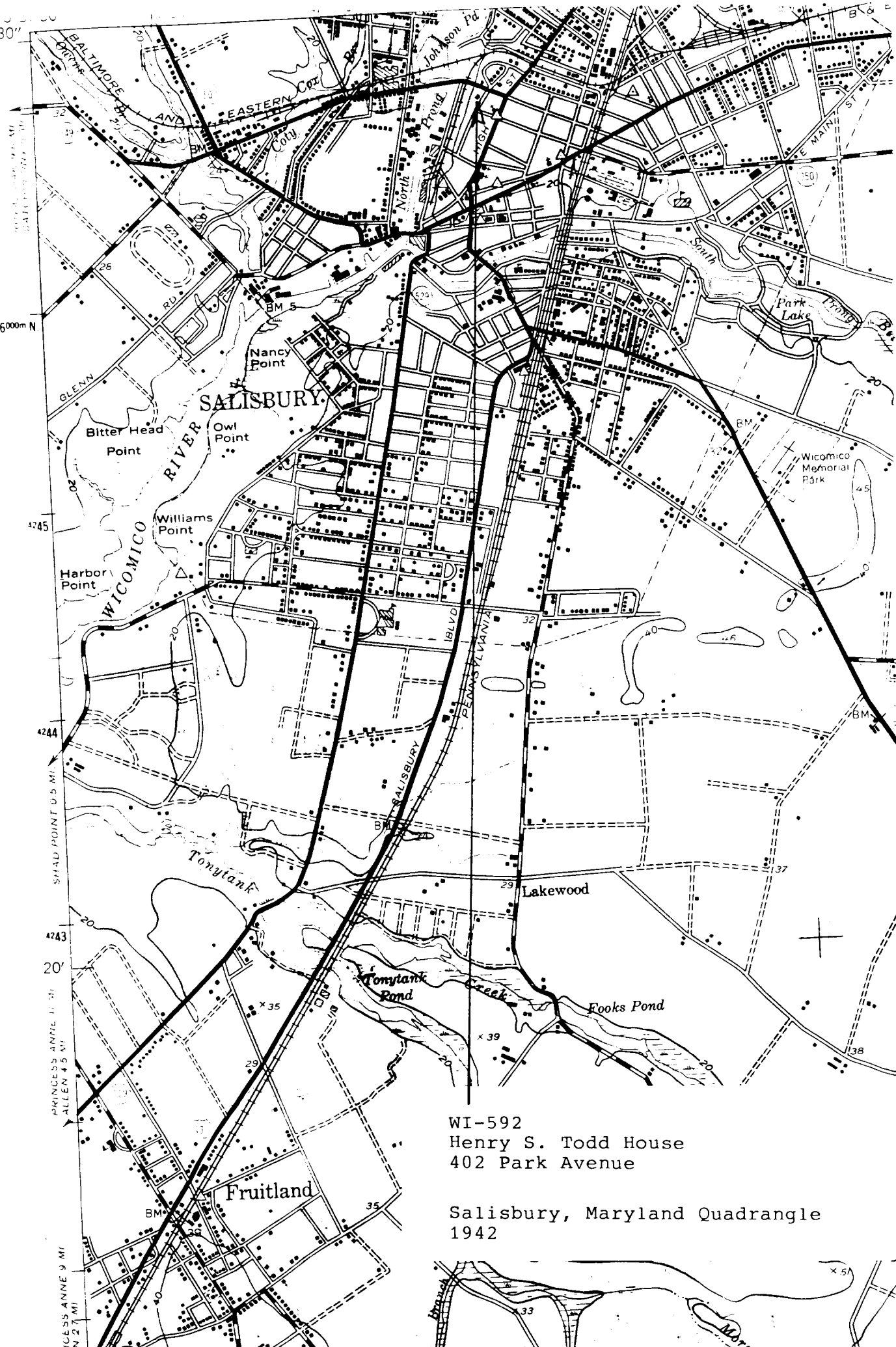
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ALLEN 4.5 MI

PRINCESS ANNE 9 MI
N 2.7 MI



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Henry S. Todd House
402 Park Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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Henry S. Todd House
Savannah, Wilcox Co. GA

SURVEY ELEVATION

4/01, Paul Todd, PHOTOGRAPHIC

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HENRY S. TODD House

SARISBURY, WINDHAM CO., VT.

EAT COLLECTION

4/01, PAUL TOWNSEND, PIPPOCHAMOND

WINDHAM CHAMBERLAIN TOWN

2 or 4



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Henry S. Todd House
Savisbury, Wisconsin Co., Wis.
West elevation

4/01, Paul Tanager, Photocopy
McGraw Hill, Chicago, Ill.

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11/12/57

Friday, 5 Nov. 1957
Saw 13 birds, 10 on the ground, 3 in
the air. 1 was a male
4 of the birds were found on the ground
1 was a male bird in the air
4 or 5